

REMARKS

Claims 21-30 are pending in this application. Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-20, without prejudice, and Applicant has added new Claims 21-30. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 21-30 do not contain new matter.

Applicant has also deleted the Abstract Of The Disclosure and has substituted therefor the new Abstract Of The Disclosure which is attached hereto on a separate sheet. Applicant respectfully submits that the new Abstract Of The Disclosure does not contain new matter.

Based on the foregoing Amendments and the following Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

I. DEFINITIONS:

Applicant uses the phrase "at least one of . . . and . . ." in the claims. In all instances, the phrase "at least one of . . . and . . ." means only one item from the list, or any combination of items in the list.

Applicant respectfully submits that the phrase having the form "at least one of A and B", where each of A and B is either a term or a phrase, the phrase "at least one of A and B" means "only A, only B, or A and B". In instances in which three or more terms and/or phrases are present in an "at least one of . . . and . . ." phrase, Applicant provides the following example definitions: the phrase "at least one of A, B, and C" means "only A, only B, only C, or any combination of A, B, and C"; the phrase "at least one of A, B, C, and D" means "only A, only B, only C, only D, or any combination of A, B, C, and D"; the phrase "at least one of A, B, C, D, and E" means "only A, only B, only C, only D, only E, or any combination of A, B, C, D, and E", and so on.

For example, in independent Claim 21, the phrase "at least one of the vehicle, a vehicle system, a vehicle equipment system, a vehicle component, a vehicle device, and a vehicle

equipment" means "only the vehicle, only a vehicle system, only a vehicle equipment system, only a vehicle component, only a vehicle device, only a vehicle equipment, or any combination of the vehicle, a vehicle system, a vehicle equipment system, a vehicle component, a vehicle device, and a vehicle equipment".

II. THE DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTIONS:

The Examiner asserts that Claims 1-15 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, and 11 of co-pending Application No. U.S. 2003/0193404 A1. The Examiner also asserts that Claims 16-20 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, and 11 of co-pending Application No. U.S. 2003/0193404 A1 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,542,076.

As noted above, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-20, without prejudice, and Applicant has added new Claims 21-30. Applicant respectfully submits that the newly added Claims 21-30 are patentable over co-pending Application No. U.S. 2003/0193404 A1 and U.S. Patent No. 6,542,076.

IIA. THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY CLAIMS 21-30, IS
PATENTABLE OVER CO-PENDING APPLICATION NO. U.S. 2003/0193404 A1
AND U.S. PATENT NO. 6,542,076:

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by the newly added Claims 21-30, is patentable over co-pending Application No. U.S. 2003/0193404 A1. Applicant further submits that the present invention, as defined by the newly added Claims 21-30, is patentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,542,076.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's double patenting rejection over co-pending Application No. U.S. 2003/0193404 A1 be withdrawn. Applicant further respectfully requests that the Examiner's double patenting rejection over co-pending Application No. U.S. 2003/0193404 A1 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,542,076 also be withdrawn.

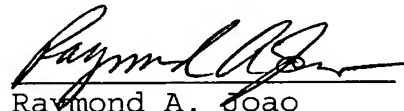
Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 21-30, is patentable over the prior art.

III. CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested. Allowance of pending Claims 21-30 is respectfully requested.

A Petition For Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a One-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith. A Credit Card Payment Form for \$60.00 for the fee for the Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, is submitted herewith. A Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate) for the fee for the Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is also submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully requests a One-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action, mailed September 8, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Encls.: - Abstract of the Disclosure
- Petition For Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)
- Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate) for the fee for the Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time
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